



GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

January 26, 2007

The Honorable Mike Johanns
Secretary of Agriculture
14th Street & Independence, Southwest
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Mr. Secretary,

This is to request that you designate Monterey County, in the State of California, a disaster area due to extreme low temperatures and freezing conditions that occurred January 12 – 17, 2007. Though the full effect of the freezing temperatures may not be realized until a later time, current estimates are reflecting more than a 40 percent loss to citrus and avocado crops. The county continues to assess damages to strawberry, wine grapes and vegetable crops.

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) requested that the county agricultural commissioner submit a *California County Agricultural Commissioner Disaster Report*, which is enclosed for your review. Preliminary surveys of Monterey County growers indicate agricultural damage/loss estimates exceed \$14 million. This damage will be devastating to affected producers, farm-related businesses and the general economy of the county. If you have any questions or need additional information, your staff may contact OES Director Henry Renteria at (916) 845-8510.

Thank you for your favorable and immediate consideration of this request on behalf of California's farmers and ranchers in dire need of USDA disaster assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arnold Schwarzenegger".

Arnold Schwarzenegger

Enclosure

CALIFORNIA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER DISASTER REPORT

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13. Total Farms in County: (Use most recent U.S. Farm Census number.)		Number		
		1,216		
14. Farms with Production Losses of:		Number		
100%				
90 to 99%				
80 to 89%				
70 to 79%				
60 to 69%				
50 to 59%				
40 to 49%				
30 to 39%				
20 to 29%				
Less than 20%				
15. Livestock and Poultry Losses of:		Number Destroyed/Damaged	3-Year Avg. Price (From Annual Crop Report)	Dollar Loss
Cattle (excluding milk cows)				
Milk Cows				
Milk Production				
Sheep				
Hogs				
Poultry				
Aquaculture				
Equine				
Other				
16. Farms with Physical Losses of:		Number		
Major				
Minor				
17. Farm Facilities Damaged:		Number		
		Destroyed	Major	Minor
Dwellings & Service Buildings				
Structures				
Machinery & Equipment				
Land Damages (Acres)				
Other				
		Dollar Loss		